



To Learn

&

To Love

TERM 4 WEEK 10, 15 December

This Week at St Kieran's

Here we are, in the blink of an eye, it's the end of the 2022 school year already. It's been a wonderful year in reflection with the school opening up with students, families and parish community coming together to celebrate learning, partnership and the warmth of a generous and caring school community. We are grateful for this opportunity and look forward to next year with commitment and passion to build on our success and what we have achieved.

On behalf of our Year 6 graduating class, we sincerely thank our Year 5 parents for hosting the graduation lunch on Tuesday and the P&F for donating the cost for a delicious spread of food and dessert. The students were overwhelmed and humbled by this farewell hospitality.

Thank you to the year 6 parents who presented the school a gazebo as a parting gift at Graduation Celebration on Tuesday evening. We will always think of your generosity when we use the gazebo at sport events.

Congratulations and our best wishes to Year 6 students on graduation from your primary years at St Kieran's. They are certainly a talented and compassionate group of young people with a bright future ahead of them. You have served the school so well as Student Leaders, Kinder Buddies and friendship. These attributes will serve them well in secondary school. We are proud of you!

We farewell the families and students that leave us this year. Thank you for your support and friendship. We hope you savour the friendships made and cherish with fondness the special memories made at St Kieran's.

Next year we will focus on the priority of school pride in wearing uniforms correctly. Please refer to the website Parent Information Book with uniform details so your child comes to school ready for a positive start. Note that smart watches will not be allowed in the school. These watches are like electronic devices with notifications, cameras and texting functions. The students are distracted in class and this is not conducive to learning. Any contact messages from home to school will be communicated by the school office to your child and their teacher.

...Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh....Matthew 2:1

May the greatest story ever told of Christ's birth bless and strengthen you and your family with Grace and Peace during this special time of the year. May the celebration of Christmas bring renewal and hope.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy a restful break and be safe. We hope you enjoy this [Christmas message](#) from the staff to our students, families and our community.

Anna Marsella
Principal

Religious Education

Parents and Friends are invited to our
END OF YEAR MASS – Friday 16 Dec: 11.30am

Vinnies Christmas Hampers

Thank you to Alicia U and Julio D for sorting the hampers into delivery runs. All is in readiness for the GREAT HAMPER DELIVERY RUN !

Commencing from 8am on Saturday 17 Dec hampers can be collected from the back of the hall. Park in

Gordon Street on the south side of the street with your tail to the curb. Julio will be opening the gates at the back of the hall at 8am. Don't all arrive at once! A huge thank you to the families taking part in this event.



Happy Christmas St Kieran's. May you enjoy the peace, joy and hope that the birth of the baby Jesus brings. Travel safely.



Always Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

Parish News

- For all Parish bulletins from the Catholic community of North Harbour please click [here](#)
- Parish Gospel and Homily recordings [Facebook](#) or via [You Tube](#)
- For information regarding Sacraments please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or via email: Sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

Children's Liturgy – HELPERS

We are also looking for volunteers to help run Children's Liturgy in 2023. It will be running monthly at St Kieran's and St Cecilia's, during school term.

We need two leaders for each session, a couple of times a year. Training and resources will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Kate on 0430524316, El on 0417368341 or Janette at the parish office on 02 99494455.

Communal Rite of Reconciliation
St Kieran's Thursday 15th December 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS 2022 MASS TIMES

St. Kieran's Manly Vale	St. Cecilia's Balgowlah
Christmas Eve Reconciliation 4.00-5.00pm	Christmas Eve Reconciliation 4.00-5.00pm
Christmas Eve Masses 6.00pm, 8.00pm Midnight	Christmas Eve Masses 5.30pm, 7.30pm
Christmas Day Masses 7.30am & 9.30am No Evening Mass	Christmas Day Mass 9.00am

Happy Birthday...

..to the following students celebrating a birthday this week:

17 December: Lelaina D, Sebastian O

Sport News

Well done to all the participants who attended the swimming carnival on Monday. It was an outstanding effort from all the students whether they were swimming or supporting.

The students were a credit to the school especially during the time when the carnival was on pause whilst we waited for the thunderstorm to pass.

Well done to all those students who received a ribbon on Thursday, the St Kieran's swimming team who will represent the school at the Northern Beaches carnival will be announced early 2023.

A big congratulations to the following Junior and senior champions an excellent, outstanding achievement, well done!

Junior Champions

Sarah C and Callum D

Senior Champions

Felicity B and Charlie S

Thank you to all the parents who came to spectate and a very big thank you to all those who offered their help. It is extremely appreciated and without you it certainly wouldn't be able to run.

Lucy Middleton

Sports Co-ordinator

Achievements

A huge Congratulations to Maylea C Year 5, who has made the Broken Bay trials for basketball and is off to the Polding trials in February next year at Lismore.

Maylea has also been selected to represent Manly Sea Eagles in her 4th year in a row in the U14's team next year.

The Swimming Carnival was a very physical, exhausting day for students who cheered and fought competitively for their colour houses.

This spectacular Swimming Carnival was held at Manly 'Boy' Charlton Swimming Centre, in which the encouraging spirit for a successfully healthy, competitive, and exhilarating atmosphere was thoroughly spread throughout the centre.

Although some students prior to this event were less confident than others, their anxiousness for the water gradually faded as they grew and strengthened their confidence in the water exponentially throughout the thrilling experience.

I would also like to show our appreciation for the staff, the lifeguards supervising, as well as the principal's, Mrs. Middleton's, and Mr. Labone's meticulous work and dedication in successfully setting the event up and running.

The School Swimming Carnival was truly a success.

~By Kieran H, Year 6



P & F News

Another year is wrapping up and how good has it been to be back on school grounds for a full year! The P&F team had a goal to bring back the sense of community after the effects of COVID over the last couple of years and through all the events this year it was great to see we could achieve it.

Looking ahead to next year we have a busy term 1 lined up with the welcome back to the new school year cocktail party on Friday 17 March at the Forest Hotel so please save the date!

The confirmed roles for the P&F team next year are listed below:

President: Rebecca Tomas
Vice President: Alicia Unkovic
Treasurer: Conor Foley
Class Parent Coordinator: Eleanor Hill
Class Parent Assistant: Jessica Gilbert
Committee Members: Tammy Brichta and Catherine Currin

We welcome Jessica Gilbert who had her son Eddie start with us in Kindy this year and know that she will be an asset to the team. However we do farewell our wonderful Bec Mirabito who has been a valuable P&F member and drove majority of the fundraising events this year and for that we are so grateful to have had you part of the team and thank you for your time.

To our year 6 parents and students we wish you all the best as you embark on to your next chapter - high school! We thank you and the entire parent community for your support this year.

Wishing you all a lovely Christmas and summer break and see you back in 2023!

P&F Team



2022 Premier's Reading Challenge

The certificates for this year's PRC have finally arrived and will be distributed by the end of this week. We would like to congratulate all the students who participated, especially those students who received a Gold Certificate for completing the challenge over 4 years and a Platinum Certificate for completing the challenge over 7 years. Gold: Brooke B, Willow B, Zac B, Mateo B, Clara D, Lincoln D, Harry H, Emily L, Kate L, Thomas Mc, Sophie M, Leila N, Jj P, Jack P, Sophia S, Sienna S, Joshua U and Ryan W. Platinum: Darcy B and Katelyn W.

Many thanks to everyone who returned their library books. Congratulations to both year 3 classes who were the first class(es) to return all their books. Well done!

Thank you 

the 2022 school year draws to a close, I would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all the wonderful people who have helped with anything "Library" this year. My job would be impossible without help with: covering books, shelving books, Premier's Reading Challenge, Lunch With The Stars, Book Club and Book Fair. Your help with all of this is deeply appreciated and I look forward to this continuing next year. Enjoy a well-earned break and precious family time. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the fantastic 2022 library team, Josh, Matthew, Sophia and Zaara. They went about their tasks without any fuss and were so reliable too. Thank you.

Liz McGuire, Library Teacher

What's Happening

P & F News

UPCOMING PROPOSED EVENTS:

2023

February: P&F 2023 raffle

Fr 17 Mar: New school year drinks cocktail party

Sat 25 Mar: NSW election BBQ - Volunteers required

Term Dates

Term 4: Monday 10 Oct - Fri 16 Dec 2023

Term 1: Monday 30 Jan (MAI and Best Start assessment)

Tuesday 31 Jan students 1-6 return

Thurs 6 April Last Day Term 1

Canteen Orders

Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who have helped volunteer and help run the canteen this year - I hope you all have a wonderful and restful Christmas holiday!

Slots are now open for canteen volunteers for 2023 please click [HERE](#) to put your name down for a shift. We rely on volunteers to help run the canteen, if we don't have enough volunteers the canteen can't operate.

E-Safety Webinars

2023 Parent/Carer Webinar Series is now active on the eSafety website. You will be able to access and download the PDF calendar via the website here.

Term 1 webinars are now open for registration. You will notice they are offering shorter (30 minute) webinars in 2023 at various times of the day – lunchtime, afternoon and evenings – to suit the varying needs of families.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



Social Media



Please help spread the word about our great school community and classroom experiences at St Kieran's by following our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram - please remember to like, share or comment: [st_kierans_manly_vale](#)

Occupational Therapy 2023

Occupational Therapy Helping Children is very excited to be offering a therapy service at St Kieran's in 2023. We are a passionate team of OTs who are dedicated to helping children and families on the Northern Beaches.

We have a purpose built clinic at Frenchs Forest and see children with a wide variety of developmental needs.

For more information about our service please go to our website.

<https://occupationaltherapy.com.au/>

If you would like your child to attend OT at school in 2023, please contact us on 9913 3823 or hello@occupationaltherapy.com.au.



Dominic Perrottet MP

Premier of New South Wales



Dear Parents,

As the 2022 school year draws to a close, I wanted to thank you and all parents, students and teachers for your extraordinary efforts this year.

I also want to let you know about a new program that will ease pressure on household budgets by helping to pay for your children's school supplies at the start of the next school year.

From 12 December 2022, NSW parents can access a \$150 Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher for each child in primary school, secondary school or home-schooling in 2023.

Vouchers can go towards the cost of school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks, or stationery purchased from registered businesses. You can apply for the vouchers via the Service NSW app, and for more information, visit service.nsw.gov.au, call 13 77 88 or attend a Service NSW Centre.

This new program is part of our plan to give families a more secure financial start to the year.

It has been fantastic to see so many students back in the classroom and thriving in 2022 after so many disruptions, and 2023 is shaping up to be an even bigger year for education in NSW.

We're rolling out a new, back-to-basics curriculum; making changes so students are even better prepared for employment and further education; doing more to recognise and reward our best teachers; and making it easier for parents to connect with your children's education.

It's all about taking those important steps to make NSW education the best it can be, so we can set up our children for future success.

Thank you again for all your efforts this year. I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer - and don't forget to download your Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher from 12 December.

Yours sincerely,

Dominic Perrottet MP
Premier

Community News



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